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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

It is good to have the newsletter back as it symbolises a small step towards normality. We have, in the main, had a really good return to full opening, despite the partial closure on primary due to a positive case. It has been so good to see our students back and to have some meetings that talk about learning instead of only COVID.

The new Zoom timetable is now on Dojo and the few of you who are still at home, will have received information from your class teacher about what is on offer in each class remotely.

We are very much looking forward to Red Nose Day next Friday, where we are inviting all students and staff to dress as a superhero. We have lots of exciting fundraising ideas and we are holding a 'Masked Teacher' Assembly. We will set up a means of making an on-line payment of £1 for those who dress up, to make it easier to donate to the Comic Relief charity, but you are also welcome to send your son or daughter in with a pound or donation of your choice.

Thank you to those secondary parents and carers who have responded to the information about home testing for students. We will start issuing kits to those interested in taking part from Tuesday, so please return any forms by Monday at 10am so we can contact you with a collection time.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes

Lucy

Students of the Week

Orange: Whole Class	Purple: Joshua
Blue: Whole Class	Red: Riley
Yellow: Reuben	Green: Whole Class
Bronze: Patty	Silver: Nana
Gold: Jamal	Copper: Hayley
Platinum: Godson	Titanium: Ayesha

Dates for the Diary

Friday 19th March - Red Nose Day

Wednesday 31st March - Last day of term 1PM finish

Purple Class

This week we have welcomed most of purple class back to school and it has been lovely seeing everyone looking so happy and excited to see each other. We have all loved playing with our friends especially as we have had some lovely sunny weather.

We have been reading 'Augustus And His Smile' this week. We have been enjoying listening to the story and thinking about happiness and what is important to us and to Augustus to make us happy. We have created some fantastic art work by painting and drawing tigers.



Copper Class



It has been lovely to have most of our class back but of course, we are missing and thinking of those shielding at home. The phrase 'new normal' seems a bit overused but in class, we are looking at ways we can still make learning meaningful whilst some of the activities we used to do are on hold. As we cannot attend our Gardening programme 'Trax', Becky and Tracey along with the students have been looking at what we can learn from our own sensory garden and outdoor space. We have been growing beans, digging a vegetable patch and have also started our own compost bin.

As a class, we are very diverse and a large amount of curriculum is focused on looking at how to support individual needs. Millie, for example, has recently started talking spontaneously in class. One of her favourite words seems to be 'Pigeon' so we have made a Bird Bingo game for her to play with staff and her peers. McKenzie loves Geography and this week brought in some American Dollars. He has had a go at looking at different currencies from around the world. Mariana loves art and is very talented at it. We all had a go at producing some Cherry Blossom pictures which we hope to make into cards to be sold as part of the Mini Enterprise programme.



A message from the new chair of FoMP

Hello, I'm Cat, the new chair of FoMP. I've been a member of the group since my son Jacob started in orange class three years ago. Before Jacob was born I worked in the book trade as a buyer, and I'm hoping to go back to books in some way once he's cracked attending school full time!

Of course at the moment it's quite challenging for us to raise any funds but the new committee have started discussing a possible plan for the summer, or whenever it is safe for us all to get together. In the meantime FoMP have a helpful and supportive WhatsApp group. We also had a virtual coffee morning over Zoom this week, so please do get in touch if you would like to be part of our parent network!

**RED
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Friday 19th March 2021!

£1 and dress up as a superhero!

